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A BRIG which arrived last week at St. Eustatia from Corke, which place she left the 5th ult. brings the following interesting intelligence: That the united fleets of France and Spain, consisting of 60 sail and upwards, were off Start Point, on the coast of Sussex; that Sir Charles Hardy's fleet was then to the westward of Scilly; that it consisted only of 47 sail of the line and 20 frigates in excellent order, well manned, and eager to come to an engagement, for which purpose they did all in their power to work to windward; but the wind being at east, and the enemy plying closehauled to the southward prevented them for five days. The vessel that brought the intelligence, left the fleets in sight of each other, the French and Spanish fleets endeavouring to avoid an engagement.

A late Martinique paper mentions, that a battle had been fought in the channel between the united fleets of France and Spain and that of Great Britain, which lasted eleven hours and was the bloodiest that was ever fought at sea; that the French had three of their capital ships sunk, and two English two. Their fleet consisted of forty-two sail of the line and thirty frigates, and ours of forty-seven sail of the line and twenty frigates.

A gentleman in town has received a letter from a correspondent in St. Eustatia, informing, that two vessels had arrived there on Thursday last from Amsterdam, the Captains of whom say, that an engagement had been fought in the Bay, between the English fleet and the united fleets of France and Spain; but they could give no particulars.

PHILADELPHIA, *Nov.* 30.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in high office and of the most respectable character in the State of Massachusett's-Bay, dated November 4.

I AM pained in my inmost soul at the unhappy affair at Mr. Wilson's house. I think there ought to be an article in the Declaration of Rights of every State securing freedom of speech, impartiality, and independence at the bar. There is *nothing* upon which the rights of every member of society *more* depends. There is no man so bad, but he ought to have a fair trial, and an equal chance to have the ablest counsel, or the advocate of his choice to see that he has fair play, and the benefit of truth and law."

Extract of a letter, dated Boston, November 18, 1779

"Capt. Harradan (in the ship Pickering) after he left you off Sandy-Hook, fell in with a ship of fourteen guns six pounders, a brig of ten guns, four and three pounders, and a sloop of eight guns, four pounders, all letters of marque, bound from New-York to Oporto for wines: They all engaged him, when after an action which lasted three glasses, he took all three. They fought him well: He had eight men wounded; and he killed and wounded a number of the enemy. The Pickering has arrived safe with these three prizes."

The Pickering in the former part of the same cruise, took the Pomona of 12 guns, which got safe into Salem; the brig Hope of 14 guns, and the Royal George cutter of 14 guns, which were sent into this port.

Yesterday arrived in 28 days from St Eustatia, the sloop Favourite Capt Leech loaded with silt. Capt Leech sailed in company with the ship Ivy, belonging to this port, and in latitude 28 was separated from her, in a heavy gale of wind; he soon after was chased by the ship Pickering, from Salem, New England, which obliged him to throw his papers over board.

The schooner ------- Capt. Davidson, from Gottenburg for this port, ran a shore some few days ago, at Barnegat, where the vessel and most of the cargo is lost.

BALTIMORE, *December* 7.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Fredericksburg, in the state of New York, 22 miles eastward of Fishkill, dated the 21st ult.

WE have a report here, which is highly probable, that a reinforcement of 4000 men, is already gone from New York to the Southward, and that all the enemy's small vessels, at New York, are taken up, and preparations making there for another embarkation."

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 25.

Extract of a letter from St. Eustatia, October 20

YESTERDAY a vessel arrived here from Holland, by which we have advice that the Dutch are, by desire of the King of Prussia and other powers, to remain neuter: They have now in the texel 38 ships of the line, the remainder of the seven provinces half that number, making in the whole 57 ships, well manned; it is the general opinion here, that Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and other powers to the northward, will have 200 sail at sea by next spring to protect their own trade. You may depend on it their will be hot work in the European seas next spring."

HANOVER *County*, December 13, 1779

THE persons who have demands against the estate of Mr. *Thomas Uber*, formerly of *London*, merchant, which were not fully made out and settled (in a state of them reported to the former General Court) are now requested to furnish me with their claims and vouchers, that I may have them stated for the consideration of the High Court of Chancery. And as I had the misfortune to lose most of my books and papers by fire some time ago, I entreat the several persons from whom I received and to whom I paid money on account of Mr. *Uber's* estate, to favour me with memorandums of the sums and dates of the receipts and payments, and forward them by post or other conveyance and speedy opportunities, that I may be able to render an account of them to the Court of Chancery at the next session, according to the order of that court. (*) PETER LYONS

December 22, 1779

WE the subscribers being appointed by the worshipful court of *King George* county, to agree with an undertaker to erect a brick prison in the said county with a partition of the following dimensions, viz. twenty eight feet by sixteen, do hereby give notice, that we shall attend at the courthouse of the said county on the first *Thursday* in the months of *January*, *February*, and *March* ensuing, for that purpose.

TOWNSHEND DADE,
FRANCIS CONWAY,
JOHN POLLARD.

TO be rented for one year from the first day of *January* 1780, about six thousand acres of land in *Goochland* county, on *James* river, about forty-five miles above the falls. late the property of Messrs. *Samuel* and *Lewis Morris*, on which there are several tenements, a mill constructed for the manufactory of flour, and upwards of four hundred acres of rich low ground. The terms may be known by applying to *William Anderson*, in *Hanover*, or *Thomas Pleasants*, jun. in *Henrico*. If not rented before *January Goochland* court, it will then be let to the highest bidder. An undivided half of the said lands is for sale. 2§

A LIST of tobacco that has been lying in *Urbanna* warehouse upwards of two years and if not taken away will be sold according to law.

Charles Lee, CL, 957 93. 993 100.
Simon Frazer, SF, 848 102. 875 82. 750 95. 817 78.
Morris Smith, 958 78. 870 101. 882 92. 914 93.

A LIST of tobacco in *Boyd's* warehouse, which have been there upwards of two years, and if not applied for will be sold according to law.

Daniel Jane's estate, 1034 137 807. 1223 130 1093. 1266 154 1112 1074 135 939 1230 135 1095. 1255 145 1110. 1250 150 1100. 1140 140 1000. 1050 125 925. 1243 125 1118. 1250 136 1114. 1274 135 1139 1188 125 1062. 1335 154 1181. 1203 151 1052. 1335 155 1180. 1361 130 1231. 1164 143 1021. 1145 144 981. 1216 143 1068. 1240 150 1090 1213 145 1068.

Thomas Bolling Stanford, 1127 117 1010. 1078 110 968. 1000 131 959. 1086 116 970. 1078 121 957. 1137 115 1022. 1137 106 1031. 1078 118 960. 1029 120 909. 1100 123 977 1158 121 1037. 1178 120 1058. 1085 122 963. 1238 123 1115.

Col *Peter Pontress*, 1041 127 914.
Timothy Ridding, 1120 126 994.
James Hanby, 1155 110 1045.
William Hall, 1040 90 950.
Daniel Jones's estate, 1255 145 1110.
Alex Horsburg, 1160 106 1054 1197 106 1091. 1127 106 1021. 1210 105 1105.
William Park, 1409 145 1264. 1135 143 937.
Joel Watkins, 772 142 630.
James Johnson, 932 120 812.
William Park, 1449 160 1239.
Daniel Jones, 1300 150 1150. 1116 145 971. 1364 157 1207.

(To be continued.)

Charles City, December 20. 1779.

Two Hundred DOLLARS *Reward*

FOR apprehending and securing so that I get him, DICK, a likely negro fellow about 26 years old; he has a very smiling countenance, and shows his teeth much when talked to; he is very black, and about five feet eight or nine inches high. He run away the property of Mr. *Peter Royster*, of this county. JOHN EDLOE.

I HAVE a piece of land in *Amherst* county, containing one thousand acres which I will dispose of for tobacco, cash, or loan office certificates. It is part of five thousand acres taken up by *James Christian*, *John Christian*, and *William Brown*. It is of an exceeding good quality for tobacco, and equal to most places in that part of the country for stocks of all kinds. The purchaser will have liberty to lay off the above land in any of the patents not interfering with a survey made by *James Higginbotham*. Any person inclinable to purchase will be shewn the premises by Mr. *Christian*, who lives on the said land and the terms known by applying to me in *Charles City* county.

JOHN EDLOE.

Petersburg, October 28, 1779.

I AM authorised and directed to call upon the holders of several bills of exchange, drawn by Mr. *Joseph Wharton*, jun. of *Philadelphia*, and supposed to be returned to this state (where they were negotiated) to come and receive payment. A list of the bills, and of the persons to whom they were paid, is here subjoined, *viz.*

"A bill for 200l. sterling, drawn on *Richard Ford* and Co. of *London*, sold *Joseph Scott*, and returned under protest to *John Lawrence* and Co. One ditto, No. 760, for 200l. sterling, drawn on ditto, sold *Richard Booker* and Co. returned under protest to *Emanuel Walker*, agent for *Alexander Speirs* and Co. Two ditto, for 200l. each, dated *November* 2, 1774. drawn upon the same, sold *James Lyle*. One ditto, No 54, for 250l. dated *November* 2, 1774, drawn upon the same, sold *Gibson*, *Donaldson*, and *Hamilton* to whom they were returned. One ditto, for 200l. one ditto, 150l. drawn upon *William Neale* of *London*, sold to *Gibson* and Co. and returned them. One ditto for 600l. drawn upon the same, sold *Hugh M'Meekin* and Co. and returned to *Bennett Browne*. One ditto, for 250l. drawn upon the same, sold *Robert Sheddan* and Co.

The difficulty of discovering in whose possession these bills are, obliges the drawer to make this public advertisement, and also to give notice, that if application be not made to me in twenty days from the date hereof for payment, or such information given me, that I may make the payment in behalf of Mr *Wharton*, the principle, interest, damages, and charges of protest for the amount of these bills, will be paid into the treasury, on account of the several persons who were known to be last in possession of them. JERMAN BALL.

A SORREL HORSE stolen or strayed from the subscriber on *Wednesday* the sixth of *October*. He is about four feet nine inches high, a pale sorrel, with a blaze in his face trots and gallops. I do not recollect his brand, if any. I purchased him of Mr *Matthew Speed* of *Mecklenburg*, who told me he was five years old. I will give fifty dollars to any person who will bring him to me, or give me such information that I may get him again. He was taken from Mrs. *Ward's* in *Chesterfield* county.

JERMAN BALL.

TAKEN up in *Fairfax* county, a small iron grey mare branded on the near buttock RB. She has been posted and appraised at one hundred pounds. The owner may have her, on proving his property, and paying charges by applying to *Thadeus Dulin*, overseer on the said plantation

JOHN TURBERVILLE.

DESERTED from *Richmond* the 19th of *October* last, two recruits who enlisted in the continental army for eighteen months, under the act of Assembly passed the last winter. *Robert Tate*, a *Virginian*, who enlisted as substitute for a division in *Henrico*; he is about 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair complexion, and by trade a blacksmith. *John Wash*, who enlisted as substitute for a division in *Louisa*; he is about 25 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high. I will give a reward of one hundred dollars for the above deserters, or fifty for either of them. (H) THOMAS WILLIAMSON.

THE commonwealth of *Virginia* to the sheriff of *Hampshire* county, greeting: You are commanded to summon *Pearson Chapman*, to appear before the justices of the said county court at the courthouse on the fourth *Monday* in next month, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against him by *John Moffett*, gentleman; and this he shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100l. And have then there this writ. Witness *Humphrey Brooke*, clerk of the said court at the courthouse the 24th day of *November*, in the fourth year of the commonwealth. 1779.

12§ HUMPHREY BROOKE.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, *December* 15, 1779.

THE commissioners of taxes who have not yet sent to this office the assessments are required forthwith to return the same, to enable the auditors to settle with the collectors; and such of the sheriffs, county court clerks, and inspectors, who have failed to account, are called on to be speedy in their payments, or they will be proceeded against as the law directs. 4w

DENTIFRICE for the teeth and gums, equal to Dr *Baker's*, made by *Anne Neill*. The public may always be supplied by her, at the post office, and at Mr. *Brand's*, in *Williamsburg*.

N. B. Mrs. *Neill* will allow two dollars for all the empty dentifrice pots that are returned. 3*

TO be sold at *New London* in *Bedford* county, the 5th of *January* next ensuing, for ready money, four half acre lots of land well improved, adjoining the town at *New London*, the property of *William* and *James Donald* and Co. Also one half acre lot with every convenience necessary for a merchant, lying on the main street in the said town, and one of eight acres belonging to *Alexander Stains* and Co. Also one half acre lot on the main street with a small house on it, and one six acre lot belonging to *Andrew Donaldson*. Also 1400 acres of land lying in the upper end of the county, which will be laid off in lots of 400 acres each, according to law, and nine valuable slaves belonging to *John Brander*. If the day of sale should be a bad day, the sale will commence on the next fair day.

HARRY INNES, Escheator.

TO be sold on *Tuesday*, the 28th of next month, at the plantation whereon *Dorothy Pearson* lately lived, on *Chickahominy* river, in *New Kent*, all the stock of cattle, sheep, and hogs, a large quantity of corn, fodder and peas, seven or eight feather beds of the best kind well furnished, a large quantity of household and kitchen furniture, among which are the best of mahogany tables, &c. and many other things too tedious to mention. The sale will be for ready money. Any slaves in the time will be exchanged for negroes on said plantation with 100 acres of land, pleasantly situated on the river, with every necessary building thereon. The said land may be purchased at any time before the day of sale by applying to *Robert Warren* at *New Kent* courthouse.

ALL persons that have demands against the estate of *Allsey Wilkins*, deceased, late of *Gloucester* county are desired to apply for payment to the subscriber; and those indebted thereto are required to make payment without delay, as the estate will be settled by the first day of *February* next.

JAMES BENTLEY, Executor.

RUN away from the subscriber, on *Saturday* the 30th instant (*December*), a negro fellow called *Phoenix*, a cooper by trade, about five feet four or five inches high, keeps his hair well combed, has a down look, and pitted with the smallpox, was born in *Barbadoes*, and talks that dialect, has remarkable small hands and good teeth; had on, when he went away, a brown cloth coat edged with buff, red serge vest and breeches; he had also a white vest and breeches with him, white yarn stockings, good shoes and buckles. It is expected he will endeavour to get on board some vessel; masters of such are hereby forewarned from receiving him. A reward of fifty dollars will be given for producing him, if apprehended within ten miles of this place, and generously increased if taken at a greater distance.

2§ JOHN SYME.

TAKEN up in *Bedford*, two cows, viz. One a red cow marked with a slit in the right, and a crop in the left ear, and branded on the left horn and buttock S. Appraised to 50l. The other a pale red spotted cow, marked with a slit in the right, and a crop in the left ear, the left horn broke off, branded on the right horn and left buttock S. Appraised to 50l.

ROBERT COWAN

Five Thousand DOLLARS *Reward*

FOR bringing home, or securing my negro boy *Lisbon*, so that I get him again. He was taken from my son's house on the plantation where I live the 22d instant (*November*). He is about thirteen years old, very black, well made, has a pleasant countenance, slow of speech, has a scar on his right thigh, occasioned by a burn, another on his face by the windlass of a well. Any person complying with either of the above proposals, shall be entitled to the said reward from the subscriber, living in *Spotsylvania* county, and no farther questions asked.

FRANCIS MERIWETHER.

ANY person or persons having any demands against the estate of Mr *John Royston*, deceased, by bond or otherwise, are desired to make them known to

3* NELSON ANDERSON, jun. Adm.

FOR sale, in *Halifax* county, 4222 acres of good land lying on *Aaron's* creek and the branches of *Hyco* river. My price is 1200l. Should any person be inclinable to purchase, they may see the lands by applying to Col. *Wooding* in the above county, and for particulars to me in *Williamsburg*, where I shall continue during the present session of Assembly.

tf JOHN GARLAND.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, living near *Hanover* town, last *August*, a likely black mare about four feet seven or eight inches high, four years old last spring; she has a remarkable white spot on her near buttock, paces, trots, and gallops, holds her head rather low when rode, no brand. I imagine if the mare was stolen the thief has parted with her. I will give 20 dollars reward to any person that will deliver the said mare to me, or 100 for such intelligence, so that I get her again.

CHARLES HUNDLEY.

Two Hundred POUNDS *Reward.*

STOLEN on the night of the 30th of *October*, from *Thomas Pleasant's* pasture, in *Goochland* county, a bright bay mare five years old next spring, 4 feet 9 inches high, nearly full blooded, trots and gallops well, and with spirit; her neck, mane and tail are thin and long; she is without any white except a few hairs in her forehead mixed, and about the size of a large half bit. She is supposed to be with foal, and it is likely there is a defect in a fore tooth of her under jaw, as it was broken out some time ago, but since grown again. There is a bare spot on her where the pummel of the saddle hath rubbed the hair off. Whoever takes her up and brings her to me at the said plantation, or gives me such intelligence that I may get her again, shall have the above reward of 200l.

2* GEORGE ROBERTSON.

TAKEN up in *Spotsylvania* county, a red roan horse about six years old, branded on the buttock WS, both hind feet white as high as the fetlock, and shod before. Appraised to 27l

THOMAS PERRY.

ON *Monday* the 3d day of *January*, will be let at *Kennon's* warehouse, to the highest bidder, for one year, four plantations lying in the county of *Charles City*, formerly the property of Col. *William Kennon*, deceased. FRANCIS WILLIS, jun.

STOLEN from my plantation on *Saturday* night the 13th of *November*, a bay mare from her colt, about four feet nine inches high, with a short switch tail, paces naturally, has a star in her forehead, and branded on the near buttock BE. Whoever gives me such intelligence, so that I get her again, shall receive 20l. reward; and on conviction of the thief 30l. 3§

WILLIAM ELLIS, in about 8 miles of Fredericksburg

TO be sold by the puncheon or piece, *West India* rum, brown and loaf sugar, hyson and bohea tea, *Irish* and coarse linens, linen, cotton, and silk handkerchiefs, chintz ditto, callicoes, chintzes, coarse cloths, lawn, muslin, cambrick, riband, silks for winter gowns, men's and women's shoes, knives and forks, penknives, China cups and saucers. I continue to buy bills of exchange on *England*, *France*, *Holland*, or the *West Indies*. I want to charter two prime sailing vessels for the *West Indies*.

SAMUEL BEALL.

FOR sale, fifteen hundred and forty acres by patent (but generally supposed to contain upwards of 2000) of the best kind of tobacco land, lying in the county of *Granville*, *North Carolina*, 3 miles from the courthouse, and about 110 from *Petersburg*. For terms apply to the subscriber at *Mayox*, in *Prince George*.

DAVID MEADE.

N B For sale, *R. K. Meade's* half share or two forty second parts of the *Great Dismal Swamp*. Apply as above (*)

ANY person having a light CHARIOT or POST CHAISE to dispose of, may hear of a purchaser by applying to the printer hereof, before the Assembly rises.

A pair of young likely carriage HORSES are also wanted.

STRAYED from the subscriber, at *New Kent* courthouse, near *Francis Ratcliff's* ordinary, the 7th of *September* last, a bay horse 4 years old next spring, about 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high, not branded when lost, with a hanging mane and long switch tail, the hairs in the end of his tail inclinable to be white, and as well as I remember a little white on one of his hind fetlocks. Whoever delivers the said horse shall receive thirty dollars, and on conviction of the thief, if stolen by a white man, fifty pounds.

JOHN TYRIE.

RUN away from my plantation in *Dinwiddie* county, about the 20th of *June* last, a likely negro man, named TOM, about 23 years of age, five feet eight or ten inches high, of a light complexion, thick lips, a little bow-legged, and has a large scar on the right side of his head, with one of his lower fore teeth out. He is by trade a blacksmith, is very sensible, and fond of whistling, which he performs in a peculiar manner with his tongue. Whoever will deliver the said slave to me at *Batterson*, near *Petersburg*, shall receive a reward of one hundred dollars, or more in proportion to their trouble.

tf JOHN BANISTER.

Williamsburg, December 15, 1779.

THE Printers of this paper beg leave to acquaint their customers, that they are in daily expectation of receiving a complete set of new printing types; by means of which they hope to render it more agreeable to the eye than it has lately been; their sources of information also being numerous and regular, they flatter themselves it will always be in their power to give the public the newest and most authentic intelligence, and that their care and assiduity to please will entitle them to a continuance of the extensive demand in which this paper now is.

☞ Gentlemen who intend to renew their subscriptions to this Gazette are desired to leave their names with the Printers.

RUN away from my plantation in *New Kent* county, a likely mulatto wench named *Sylvia*, but I expect she will alter her name, as I understand she passes for a free wench. She is about 20 years old, a short thick wench, and has a large bushy head of hair, a scar on one of her arms occasioned by a burn. Whoever takes up the said slave, and secures her in any jail, so that I get her again, or delivers her to Mr. *James Wood* in *Williamsburg*, or to the subscriber at the *Bowling Green*, shall receive one hundred pounds reward. I have understood she has made for the *Eastern Shore*. 1§ JOHN BAILEY.

To be sold by the escheators, for ready money, agreeable to act of Assembly, on Monday the 17th day of January,

A TRACT of valuable land in *Ware* parish, *Gloucester* county, lying on *Ware* and *North* rivers, containing 1300 acres, which will be laid off in lots agreeable to law; also 111 negroes, with stocks of cattle, &c. And on *Saturday* the 22d of said month will be sold, a tract of land containing 700 acres, in *Kingston* parish, county aforesaid, with stocks of cattle, &c.

4* JOHN PEYTON, JAMES HUBARD. } Commissioners.

STRAYED from *Williamsburg*, about the 15th instant (*December*) a sorrel horse about 4 feet 10 inches high, his mane hangs on the left side, a short switch tail, paces, trots, and gallops. Whoever delivers the said horse to the subscriber, or to Mr. *William Russel* in *Williamsburg*, shall receive one hundred dollars reward. DUDLEY RAGSDALE

WAR OFFICE, *Williamsburg, Dec.* 1 1779.

BY approbation of the Governor in Council, the Board of War [illegible] *Williamsburg*, *Petersburg*, *New London*, *Staunton*, and *Winchester*, places of rendezvous for new [illegible] under the act of Assembly *Governing officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines*. A commissioned officer will meet the receiving officers of the several counties at three places at certain times, to wit: *Petersburg* on the first day of every other month, beginning in *January*; at *New London* on the sixth of the same months; at *Staunton* on the twelfth; at *Winchester* on the eighteenth, and at *Fredericksburg* on the twenty fourth; then and there to review and receive such able-bodied men as shall be produced to him by the said recruiting officers. The Board of War do farther appoint *Pittsburg* and *Williamsburg* places of rendezvous for levies of the same kind. The commanding officers of the garrison at those places will be instructed to review and receive them at all times when produced to them. It is hoped and required that the recruiting officers of the several counties will pay the strictest attention to these regulations, and by no means fail to attend with their recruits on the fixed times, and the appointed places of rendezvous above mentioned.

JAMES INNES.
THO. JEFFERSON. WILLIAM NELSON.
SAMUEL GRIFFIN.

One Hundred DOLLARS *Reward*

TO any person that will produce to me in *Richmond*, or to *John Ryan*, a little below this, a large roan horse upwards of five feet high, four years old, not branded that I remember, but docked; he has been much worked, and carries the marks of the collar. This horse was missing the evening of the 21st of *November*, and is supposed to be stolen. He is a northward bred horse, and has a very thick curled main and foretop. MILES SELDEN.

TICKETS of the third class in the United States Lottery to be sold at the treasury office and the continental loan office, in *Williamsburg*.

December 18, 1779

TO be sold, a very fine lot in the town of *Petersburg*, that has a large two story house on it. Likewise I would sell the noted horse *Mercury*, who was got by old *Janus*, his dam the full blooded mare *Calista*. For terms apply to me near *Petersburg*.

JOSEPH JONES.

TAKEN up in *York* county, a black mare eleven or twelve years old, fourteen hands high, a hanging mane and switch tail, with a small star in her forehead, branded on the near buttock, but scarce perceivable. Appraised to 10l.

* JAMES WRAY.